Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A nonwoven abrasive article comprising:

(a) a lofty nonwoven substrate having a fist surface and an opposite second surface, the first surface and the second surface defining a plurality of peaks and valleys, wherein said peaks and said valleys are present as a rectilinear grid, the first surface and the second surface further defining a thickness, wherein the thickness varies by no more than 30% throughout the substrate; and

(b) an abrasive coating comprising a binder and abrasive particles dispersed throughout the binder, the abrasive coating being present on at least a portion of the first surface.

2. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the substrate is at least 500 micrometers.

3. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 2, wherein the thickness of the substrate is at least 1 mm.

4. – 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 1, wherein the abrasive coating is present only on [at least] the peaks of the substrate.

8. (Currently amended) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 1, wherein the abrasive coating is present only in [at least] the valleys of the substrate.

9. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 1, further comprising an abrasive coating comprising a binder and abrasive particles present on at least a portion of the second surface.

10. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 1, further comprising a second substrate attached to the second surface of the lofty nonwoven substrate.

11. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 10, wherein the second substrate comprises a sponge.

12. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 10, wherein the second substrate comprises a fabric.

13. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 1, wherein the abrasive particles have a particle size of at least 10 micrometers.

14. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 13, wherein the abrasive particles have a particle size of 50 to 600 micrometers.

15. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 1, wherein the peaks have a height of at least 0.5 mm.

16. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 1, having an overall thickness of at least 3 mm.

17. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 1, wherein a peak:valley area ratio is 75:25 to 25:75.

18. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 17, wherein the peak:valley area ratio is 50:50.

19. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 1, further comprising a reinforcing scrim.

20. (Original) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 19, wherein the reinforcing scrim is present between the first surface and the opposite second surface of the lofty nonwoven substrate.

21. (Currently amended) A method of making a nonwoven abrasive article, the method comprising:

(a) providing a lofty nonwoven substrate having a first surface and an opposite second surface, the first surface and the second surface defining a plurality of peaks and valleys, wherein said peaks and said valleys are present as a rectilinear grid, the first surface and the second surface further defining a thickness, wherein the thickness varies by no more than 30% throughout the substrate; and

(b) [applying an abrasive coating comprising a binder and abrasive particles] preparing an abrasive slurry comprising binder and abrasive particles; and

(c) applying the abrasive slurry on at least a portion of the first surface of the lofty nonwoven substrate.

22. – 24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) The method according to claim [24] 21, further comprising:
(a) applying a size coat over the abrasive slurry.

26. (Currently amended) The method according to claim [24] 21, wherein the step of applying the abrasive slurry comprises:
(a) applying the abrasive slurry to the peaks and leaving the valleys uncoated.

27. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [24] 21, wherein the step of applying the abrasive slurry comprises:

(a) applying the abrasive slurry to the valleys and leaving the peaks uncoated.

28. (Previously presented) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 1, wherein the thickness varies by no more than 20% throughout the substrate.

29. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the thickness varies by not more than 20% throughout the substrate.

30. (New) A nonwoven abrasive article comprising:

(a) a lofty nonwoven substrate having a first surface and an opposite second surface, the first surface and the second surface defining a plurality of peaks and valleys, wherein said peaks and said valleys are present as a rectilinear grid, the first surface and the second surface further defining a thickness, wherein the thickness varies by no more than 30% throughout the substrate; and

(b) an abrasive coating comprising a make coat and abrasive particles at least partially embedded in the make coat present on at least a portion of the first surface; and

(c) the abrasive coating comprising a size coat over the abrasive particles.

31. (New) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 30, wherein the abrasive coating is present only on the peaks.

32. (New) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 30, wherein the abrasive coating is present only in the valleys.

33. (New) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 30, wherein the abrasive coating is present on the peaks and in the valleys.

34. (New) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 30, wherein the peaks have a height of at least 0.5 mm.

35. (New) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 30, wherein a peak:valley area ratio is 75:25 to 25:75.

36. (New) The nonwoven abrasive article according to claim 1, wherein the abrasive coating is present on the peaks and in the valleys.